

PILGRIMS ENTERTAIN VISITING BRITONS

Men of Letters Here for Lowell Celebration Attend a Merry Luncheon.

BABINGTON-SMITH TALKS

Closer Bonds Between England and America Urged by the Speakers.

The executive committee of the Pilgrims, an organization of men who work to cement better feeling between England and the United States, gave a merry luncheon yesterday to the English and Canadian men of letters who are visiting this country to take part in the commemoration of James Russell Lowell's 100th anniversary.

Chauncey M. Depew, president of the Pilgrims, could not be present, because, as George T. Wilson, the toastmaster, said, he was in the South with Mayor Hylan commiserating on the troubles of the poor.

The meeting, largely due to the efforts of Mr. Wilson, was of the most informal nature, and the speeches were for the most part humorous.

Mr. Henry Babington-Smith, British High Commissioner, recalled the time when Lowell went to Eton when Sir Henry was a student there and made an address. He said in looking over the "Bigelow Papers" he was struck by their plain speaking, and in wondering how it was that such unadorned phrase did not bring with them dislike for the author from the English he had decided that it was because they were all actuated by a real desire to promote unity of feeling between the two nations.

"No one was more impressed with the profound importance of closer bonds between England and America and worked so devotedly to this end," he said. "It is unfortunate that in recent days some poisonous minded people grasp at superficial differences between the two nations in order to prove ill feeling, but the spirit of the Pilgrims is the same as that of Lowell, and I believe the same spirit inspires the best elements on both sides of the Atlantic."

Other speakers included Prof. Stephen Butler Leacock, Henry Yule Braddon, Australian High Commissioner; Robert Underwood Johnson, who read a poem; Job E. Hedges and Patrick Francis Murphy.

Among those present were John Galsworthy, Alfred Noyes, Robert Nichols, C. Louis Hind, Prof. Pelham Edgar, Duncan Campbell Scott, Prof. Archibald McKellar MacMechan, Sir Robert Alexander Falconer, Prof. Maurice Hutton, Dr. James Capron, Prof. William Milligan Sloane, Cass Gilbert, Prof. Ashley H. Thorndike, Prof. Arnold W. Brunner, Vice Admiral Cleaves, Major-General C. S. Shann, Bishop Greer, the Rev. Francis L. Patton, Elmer E. Brown, Sir Henry Japp, the Very Rev. Howard C. Robbins, D. D., Alton B. Parker, H. Clay Howard, Chester Lord, Brander Matthews, the Rev. Ernest W. Stiles, D. D., Major-General Appleton, Brig.-Gen. L. C. Kenyon, Brig.-Gen. Charles H. Sherrill, Col. W. C. Lydstone and Frederick Cunliffe-Owen.

DANCE GIVES AID TO BLIND RELIEF FUND

Entertainment With Colonial Features Held at the Ritz-Carlton.

A dance with Colonial features, combined with an entertainment of varied character, for the benefit of the Permanent Blind Relief War Fund was held in the main ballroom of the Ritz-Carlton last night. Before the dance Mrs. Eva Guthrie and Irene Bordoni were heard in French songs, Mrs. Carrie Worrell and Lieut. Frank Bibb being at the piano. Eva Fontaine, who sang in the sketch "Madeira," Simons d'Herly and Emma Eyedoux sang. Khalid gave some mystic readings and Miss Sydney Thompson sang "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Among the young women in Colonial costumes who assisted at the dance were Mrs. J. Theus Munsie, Mrs. Thomas Robbins, Jr., the Misses Rosalie Bloodgood, Helen Cameron, Ethel Howard Potter, Symphorosa and Grace Bristed, Lucile Baldwin, Margaret Schroeder, Emma Blaz, Marion Carey Dinmore, Frances Ballard, Olivia Erdmann, Grace Hendrick, Elizabeth Manning, Marie Thayer, Margaret Emmet, Constance De Lanoy, Kathleen Macy, Glory Thomas and Mary Woolley.

Among the patronesses were Misses James M. Beck, Ellisha Dyer, Howard G. Cushing, Austen Gray, B. Benjamin Fries, Herbert Shipman, J. Laurens Van Aken, Charles E. Greenough, James Lowell Putnam, William H. Hirst, Arthur Iselin, William Jay, Hermann Oelrichs, Charles H. Dittus, J. Stewart Barney, James B. Haggin, Charles H. Sablin and Frederick W. Whitridge.

ALL DIVIDENDS MUST PAY NEW TAX RATE

Roper Rules on Levy for Accumulations.

Special Dispatch to The Sun. WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—In one of the new regulations promulgated under the new tax law the internal revenue bureau ruled today that dividends paid in 1918 from accumulated earnings of previous years were taxable at the rates under the new law and not at the lower rates of the years in which they were earned.

The bureau holds that "dividends of domestic corporations received in 1918 by stockholders are subject to the surtax rates for 1918 established by the new revenue law. If the earnings distributed by the corporation were accumulated since February 28, 1913, the new surtax rates will apply to all such earnings."

Commissioner Roper today announced this decision of the internal revenue bureau as to whether individual stockholders should be allowed to use the prior surtax rates in figuring the surtax on dividends in 1918 from accumulations of prior years.

ENRIGHT PROPOSES TRAFFIC RELIEF PLAN

Would Remove Elevated Road From Sixth Avenue.

Both Francis M. Hugo, Secretary of State, and Richard P. Enright, Police Commissioner, discussed traffic conditions at a luncheon held in the Hotel Pennsylvania yesterday by the Broadway Association for the purpose of developing ways and means of relieving the fast growing congestion in this city's thoroughfares.

Secretary Hugo said that while no unfair legislation was proposed drastic steps would probably be taken to eliminate existing dangers which caused the total of 1,152 deaths on the highways of the State last year. Commissioner Enright outlined a plan by which it is suggested that the elevated tracks in Sixth avenue from Washington Square to Central Park be removed, and the line run as a subway over that route.

A removal of the tracks and poles from Sixth avenue, he said, "will give another artery for traffic north and south, which could be developed along the same lines as Fifth avenue. I believe that this is done valuations of property will be so increased that the owners of the property will be glad to pay the cost by assessment."

Enright proposed an appropriation for an overhead tramway or an underground vehicular tunnel on Broadway, maintaining that recently imposed regulations on the trolley cars on the tracks on certain sections of this thoroughfare had relieved congestion sufficiently.

MAINE WAR HEROES CHEERED BY DINERS

Gov. Milliken, Dr. Hillis, Maj. Greene and Edward Dingley Pay High Tributes.

STILL SEE GERMAN PERIL

New York's Sons and Daughters of Pine Tree State Dance at Hotel Astor.

Gov. Carl E. Milliken, Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, Major R. A. Greene and Edward Dingley were the speakers last night at the annual dinner of the Maine Society of New York, which meets and dines every year to keep alive in the bosoms of its New York sons and daughters a sense of gratitude for having been born in the State of pine trees, salmon and prohibition. William E. Pulsifer was toastmaster.

The dinner, with a dance following it, was held in the Hotel Astor, and there were 150 men and women present. The great war rather than the great State was the theme of all of the speakers, the diners listening with perhaps the greatest interest to Major Greene, an artilleryman and veteran of the war, who went to the front—and stayed there—with the Thirty-sixth Division, composed almost wholly of Guardsmen from Maine and New Hampshire.

He told how the flag of the State had been carried across France and of the number of Maine's sons who would never return from the battlefield. One of his stories brought his hearers to their feet cheering.

"I watched one Maine regiment which had come up in the night and was under orders to attack at daylight. It looked as though, considering the point where they were to attack, they were going to almost certain death, and I wondered what their thoughts must be. But their

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